



## World Book Day & Big Breakfast

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March our school will be celebrating World Book Day. To help celebrate the day children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

There will be a Big Breakfast to help celebrate the day. Doors will open at 8:15am. All family members are welcome. Breakfast is  $\pm 1$  per person.

### Starting Secondary School in 2019?

If your child is starting secondary school in September 2019 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport immediately once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a paper application form can be requested from the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooltransport.

#### Queries can be emailed to

schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.u Many thanks for your help in this matter. Kind Regards Pamela Wilson Transport Entitlement Officer Transport Commissioning Team Lincolnshire County Council

## Experiences' Day

This year's Experiences Day will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Our aim is to organise a day of activities for all Key Stage Two children. We would like to give all children a taster of a particular activity that they are interested in, in the hope that this 'taster' will encourage the children to seek out further similar experiences. Additionally, we hope that some children may discover a particular ability that up to then they were unaware of.

This day will not be possible without the support of parents and that of the wider school community. We would like you to consider whether you have a hobby that would be of interest to the children or an occupation, which the children could experience within the school day and grounds.

All offers of help gratefully received, whether it be for only part of the day or all, to lead an activity or to support other activity leaders! If you know anyone else that may be able to help us, please do let me know!

Specific requests following feedback from the children after last year's event included: hockey, mountain bike riding, archery, judo, assault courses, makeovers, Veterinary Science, decorating a t-shirt, dress-making, making fruit drinks, trampolining, lollypop making, plane flying simulator, baking biscuits, making donuts, wind chime making, candle making, making Chinese lanterns, archery, making frozen yoghurts, fencing, woodwork, skate boarding, Tae Kwon Do, Lego Technic construction & shoe design.

This list is by no means exhaustive – if you have a skill or interest which you are willing to share with the children, please let the office know and then I will get in touch with you. If you are interested in helping, please let me know by Wednesday  $27^{th}$  March 2019.

Many thanks,

Miss Rebecca Hill







# Literacy and Numeracy Information Evening

28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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Wish to know more about what is expected from your child?

Unsure how to help your child at home?

Want to know more about what happens in a Maths/Literacy lesson?

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 Literacy and Numeracy Lead teachers will provide an insight into what you need to know as a parent to help your child.

They will be discussing:

- Expectations for the end of each Key Stage in Reading, Writing, Maths and SPAG
- SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
- The Year 1 phonics test
- The Year 4 Multiplication Test
- Current Assessment frameworks

St George's Day

More details to follow.



### Town Council Competition

Sleaford Town Council have put together their annual, popular St George's Day Children's Colouring Competition which is open to all Sleaford children and surrounding village children. The forms and details can be found at:

https://www.sleaford.gov.uk/PDF/St%20George's%20Day%20Co louring%20Competition%20Poster.pdf

The Competition is very worthwhile – there are 3 age categories and the winners will each receive a £10 WHSmith voucher and a certificate. The runners up will each receive a £5 WHSmith voucher and a certificate. They will be invited to receive their prizes by the Mayor of Sleaford at the St George's Day Market on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Sleaford Town Hall.

The closing date for entries is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Entries must be sent directly to the Sleaford Town Council.

## Grandparents' Day

The annual Grandparents' Day has been arranged for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019, which is the last day of term 5. Further details will be sent out later this term, however, knowing the date gives families the opportunity to begin arrangements.

#### Lunchboxes

If you want ideas on how to make a healthy packed lunch: www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx

...have got some great ideas for you, and in no time you'll have delicious lunchbox ideas for all the family.

Take the lunchbox list with you when you shop - it will help you avoid reaching for tempting, less healthy foods, and it could save you time and money too!

To avoid choking, please can we request that grapes and cherry tomatoes be cut in half in children's pack-ups.







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### **Assessment Time**

SATs week for Key Stage 2 is nationally arranged for the week beginning 13th May 2019. All Year 6 children will be participating in the tests. We currently have children in school who have severe nut and mollusc allergies. Please can I ask parents to

Year Two SATs testing will take place throughout May, and therefore children need to be in school during this time.

Year One Phonics Screening will be taking place during the week commencing 10th June 2019 and is a Government requirement.

Therefore, please ensure your child is in school during this period. Absences during this time may be classified as unauthorised.

### **Term-time** Absence

Due to Government legislation, head teachers **may not grant any leave** of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. Applications due to work commitments must include evidence provided from the parent's employer.

Forms to apply for term-time absence are available from the school office. If you have any queries concerning this issue, please speak to the office staff who will be pleased to help!



# Nut & Mollusc Allergies

We currently have children in school who have severe nut and mollusc allergies. Please can I ask parents to ensure that no packed lunches or snacks include nuts/peanut butter/chocolate spread containing nuts, etc nor crustaceans such as crabs, shrimp and lobsters, and molluscs such as oysters and snails. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

### **Upcoming Events**

Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes instead of Toast Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

> Next PTA Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 14:00

World Book Day – Dress as Favourite Book Character & Big Breakfast Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

> Spring Bake Off Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (more info to follow)

Maths and Literacy Evening Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 Times to be confirmed

Parents' Afternoon Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 from 1:15pm

> **Grandparents' Day** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**PTA Indoor Table Top Sale** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June - time : TBC

Academic Year 2018-2019 Term 4 ends: Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 Term 5 : Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Term 6 : Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### Academic Year 2019-2020

Term 1: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 Term 2: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 Term 3: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 Term 4: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2020 Term 5 : Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Apr – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 Term 6 : Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun – Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020



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